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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **SPMHC Offers the Only Uncemented Hip Resurfacing Procedure in the Area**

Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital & Clinics (SPMHC) announces a patient-friendly alternative to the standard hip replacement and the newer resurfacing system. It's now the uncemented Biomet ReCap® Total Hip Resurfacing System. Arnold Rosenthal, MD, orthopedic surgeon, is one of the first in the Midwest to perform this innovative procedure.

Rosenthal, from Orthopedic Associates in Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin, underwent uncemented resurfacing himself in South Carolina. He returned to work after only five weeks and bicycled 1500 miles shortly afterwards.

Hip resurfacing is a bone-preserving alternative to total hip replacement — surgeons remove only the damaged bone and replace it with implants. Patients return to an active life with fewer restrictions.

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Biomet, a leader in the design and manufacture of medical products, developed resurfacing with an uncemented femur (thighbone) implant. The implant is not cemented to bone, unlike standard resurfacing. Instead, a type of porous ingrowth technology is used.

“Cement might be the weak link in resurfacing. A great deal of interest has been generated for non-glue resurfacing. It can last a lifetime for the patient,” says Rosenthal.

The FDA has approved uncemented resurfacing. It’s been used in the United States since 2007 and in Europe for several years.

People should seek the advice of a physician prior to any medical decision. Physicians and patients may contact Orthopedic Associates at 608-643-2471 for further information.

Rosenthal graduated medical school in 1977 and is board certified. He is a member of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, American Medical Association, North American Spine Surgery, and State Medical Society of Wisconsin.

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